



Announcement/Call for Papers
The United States Environmental Protection Agency
23rd Annual National Conference on Managing
Environmental Quality Systems

The EPA Quality Staff is pleased to announce the 2004 National Conference on Managing Environmental Quality Systems. This 4-day conference continues a 23-year tradition of addressing environmental issues through the exploration of scientific and technical advancements in environmental quality systems management. The conference will take place April 13-16, 2004 in Tampa, Florida.

Call for Papers

The conference invites submissions in topic areas related to environmental quality systems and information data quality. Proposed topic areas include, but are not limited to:

- Quality Systems Concepts, Models, and Methodologies
- Information Quality Policies and Standards
- Explicit and Hidden Costs of Data Quality
- Environmental Economics
- Quantifying Measurement Uncertainty
- Quality Issues in Litigation
- Quality Assurance for Environmental Models
- Innovations in Quality Assessment Tools and Techniques
- Quality Assurance in Environmental Laboratories
- Performance Measures for Environmental Quality Systems
- Environmental Data Quality (primary and secondary data)
- Environmental Monitoring and Design
- Ethics Issues in Environmental Operations
- Multi-disciplinary Environmental Data Projects
- Environmental Statistics
 - Indicators and Indexes
 - Multivariate Techniques
 - Time Series Analysis of Indicators
 - Integrating Probabilistic Data with Non-Probabilistic Data
 - General Statistical Methods
 - Spatial Modeling of Environmental Data
 - State of the Environment Metrics
 - Educating Future Environmental Statisticians
 - Statistical Issues in Public Health and Ecology

Submission Guidelines

Abstracts will be accepted through January 12, 2004, and should be submitted by e-mail as Corel WordPerfect or Microsoft Word files.

Type of Submission	Session Length	Schedule	Task
Technical Papers	30 minutes	January 12, 2004	1-page abstract
		January 23, 2004	Acceptance notification with submission guidelines
		March 12, 2004	Final papers (6-page limit) submitted for conference proceedings
Workshops	90 minutes	January 12, 2004	1-page abstract with draft workshop agenda
		January 23, 2004	Acceptance notification with submission guidelines
		March 12, 2004	Final submittal of materials for conference proceedings (3-page limit)
Technical Sessions	90 minutes	January 12, 2004	1-page abstract with description of technical session, including a list of all proposed presentations
		January 23, 2004	Acceptance notification with submission guidelines
		March 12, 2004	Final submittal for conference proceedings (8-page limit per speaker)

Address for Submission

All abstracts should be submitted electronically in Corel WordPerfect or Microsoft Word to: quality@epa.gov. Submissions **must** include the following information in the body of the email or cover sheet:

1. Presentation title
2. Authors with presenter name underlined
3. Primary contact name, phone number, and email address
4. Type of session requested/proposed length

The one-page abstract should be included as an attachment to the e-mail.

PROPOSALS THAT DO NOT CONTAIN ALL OF THE REQUIRED INFORMATION OR DO NOT FIT ALL THE SPECIFICATIONS, INCLUDING LENGTH, DESCRIBED IN THE INSTRUCTIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Proceedings

Technical papers will be included in the Conference Proceedings Notebook and will also be published on the EPA Quality Staff webpage: www.epa.gov/quality

For More Information

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